

HONORING LARKING HIGH SCHOOL
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HON. J. DENNIS HASTERT

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 30, 2001

Mr. HASTERT. Mr. Speaker, the GRAMMY Foundation recently announced that Larkin High School, located in my district, has been named a GRAMMY Signature School. Determined on the basis of a scoring system applied by a panel of top music educators and professionals, Larkin High School was chosen as one of 100 high schools from across the country to receive a certificate of recognition based on its high level of commitment to music education. I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate them on this outstanding achievement.

As a former high school teacher, I can attest that music education enhances intellectual development and enriches the academic environment for children of all ages. In addition, music educators greatly contribute to the artistic, intellectual, and social development of American children, and play a key role in helping children to succeed in school.

Larkin High School has done an exceptional job of cultivating their arts programs and I applaud them for their commitment to music and arts education programs. These make a positive difference in the lives of young adults.

IN HONOR OF HELENE HYLAND

HON. GARY L. ACKERMAN

OF NEW YORK

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Mr. ACKERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Ms. Helene Hyland, on the occasion of her retirement, as Vice President for the Institutional Advancement at Queensborough Community College.

As both an undergraduate and graduate alumna of St. John's University in Queens County, NY, Ms. Hyland achieved her Bachelor of Arts in English and Secondary Education, Masters of Science in Counselor Education, Professional Diploma in Counselor Education, and Doctoral in Administration and Supervision.

Mr. Speaker, Ms. Hyland began her career in public education as both a teacher of English and a Guidance Counselor in 1968, at the Diocese of Brooklyn. Since then, she has held positions on the Staff of the New York State Senate, in the Office of Development at St. John's University, and in the Institutional Advancement Office at Queensborough Community College. She began her work at Queensborough Community College as the Director of Development and Grants, and 15 years later, Ms. Hyland has achieved the position of Vice President for Institutional Advancement.

Helene must also be recognized for her achievement as President and owner of Sand Dollar Associates. Sand Dollar is a comprehensive consulting firm that offers direction and services in the area of fund-raising, institutional advancement, public relations, grant writing and publications. Clients include many churches and seminaries in the Queens com-

munity, as well as schools and public service organizations.

I am proud to represent such an exceptional individual and commend Ms. Hyland for her life long dedication to educational institutions and community service. I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to please join me in wishing Helene Hyland many years of success as she celebrates her well deserved retirement.

HONORING HELEN THYE

HON. SCOTT MCINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker. I'd like to take this opportunity to honor Mrs. Helen Thye for her response to a need with such loving generosity.

My nieces, Gracie, Annika, Ellie, and Lucy through the efforts of their parents Carmie and Bruce Raaum, recently broadcast a challenge to other elementary students to donate their own hair for children who have lost theirs due to illness. Once donated, the hair is made up into wigs and given to children in need, free of charge.

Mrs. Thye responded to this challenge with a wrapped package of beautiful, long, dark brown hair. Along with the hair was a note that read: "This is my first hair cut in 1944 at the age of eleven. I tied it with the string and wrapped it with this white tissue paper and held onto it all these years. Now I want to donate it to Locks of Love." This beautiful hair came from a beautiful heart.

Mrs. Thye is an avid Braves fan and a mother of seven, of which six survive. One of her daughters has multiple sclerosis and Mrs. Thye suffers from cancer. Both face the possibility of losing their own hair as a result of their diseases but this did not deter Mrs. Thye from her act of love.

Mr. Speaker, it is with pleasure that I point out this act of compassion by Mrs. Helen Thye. Acts of generosity such as this should not go without recognition. Thank you Helen for your generosity and kind heart, I'm sure the recipient of your selfless act will be grateful.

TRIBUTE TO PAUL LEHTO, RECIPIENT OF NORTHERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY'S PRESIDENT'S AWARD FOR DISTINGUISHED CITIZENSHIP

HON. BART STUPAK

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. STUPAK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay special tribute to an individual in my congressional district, the 1st District of Michigan. This individual personifies the best qualities of community volunteers—vision, dedication, leadership, and humility. He has served as a coach for youth sports, as a local elected official with three decades of service, and he has headed up the citizens's advisory board for one of our newest national parks since the panel was formed. Truly, Paul Lehto of Cal-

umet Townships has served his community and his country well.

I salute Paul Lehto today, Mr. Speaker, on the occasion of his having received from Northern Michigan University the President's Award for Distinguished Citizenship.

But for you and our House colleagues to really understand the accomplishments of Paul Lehto, Mr. Speaker, I need to review a little bit about the unique area where he has worked and served for so many years.

The Keweenaw Peninsula, which sticks far out into Lake Superior, is the only place in the world where commercially abundant quantities of elemental cooper have been found. From the 1840s to 1968, more than 11 billion pounds—80 percent of the cooper in the world today—was extracted from mines as deep as 9,000 feet and shipped all around the world.

The history of this process and region is so unique and so important to the growth of this nation that in 1992 Congress passed a bill creating the Keweenaw National Historical Park.

Paul was raised and schooled in Kearsarge, a small village in the Keweenaw, where he still lives today. As a lifelong resident of the area, Paul was a personal witness to the demise of mining. After graduating from local schools he went to work for the Calumet and Hecla Mining Co. As a laborer and truck driver, and he served as treasurer of a local union until the mines closed in 1968.

He was elected supervisor for Calumet Township in 1972, and he has been re-elected every term since then. He has faced major challenges, not the least of which were economic. In the mining heyday, Calumet was so prosperous and progressive that it came within one vote of being named Michigan's capital. By the late 1970s, however two-thirds of the storefronts in Calumet were vacant and 67 percent of the welfare recipients in Houghton County were in Calumet's zip code. A key to the vitality of the township, Calumet was in danger of being a ghost town.

The end of the mining industry allowed homeowners for the first time in the region's history to purchase the land on which their homes sat, and during Paul's time in office township neighborhoods were platted.

Paul recognized the importance of protecting the region's historical heritage by leading his township to be the first in the western Upper Peninsula of Michigan to enact the historic preservation and land-use ordinances. When the Keweenaw National Park was created and Paul assumed the post of chairman of the park's Advisory Commission, a task he continues to this day. Capitalizing on the region's history and natural beauty are keys to economic survival, and Paul has been on the cutting edge of this effort. A 16-acre lakeshore community park is another of his accomplishments.

Amidst his other tasks, Paul Lehto has found time to coach youth hockey on several levels, and he has served as a commissioner on the Western Upper Peninsula Planning and Development Regional Commission. This planning and re-granting agency has worked for years to assist with housing infrastructure and economic redevelopment projects in the region hit hard by the end of the copper business.

I'd like to add a few personal comments, Mr. Speaker. Paul Lehto's accomplishments are great, but in many respects he is a true man